

REMARKS

Further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-30 are rejected.

SPECIFICATION

Applicants respectfully note that the relevant status of the cross-referenced application has not changed. Therefore, no corrections are made herein regarding the cross-referenced application.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-30 are rejected under the judicially created (nonstatutory) doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Claims 1-30 of the instant application are not patentably distinct from Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132 because the context of the claims in the instant application is the same as the context of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-30 of the instant application are patentably distinct from Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to independent Claim 1 of the instant application that recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to:

A method for facilitating the display of information of a document for a selected user module, said method comprising:
receiving said selected user module wherein said user module acts as a preconfigured function for a target device;
scanning said document corresponding to said selected user module for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document; and
in response to said scanning, automatically rendering graphic elements for each corresponding indicator, wherein a graphic element is rendered with a descriptive label according to information within said indicator; and
jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user and displaying information of said predetermined location.

Independent Claims 11 and 21 recite similar limitations. Claims 2-10 that depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 12-20 that depend from independent Claim 11, and Claims 22-30 that depend from independent Claim 21 also include these limitations.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to independent Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132 that recites that an embodiment of the patent is directed to:

A method of rendering a workspace of a design tool for programming a microcontroller, said method comprising:
rendering said workspace, said workspace comprising multiple windows, wherein a first window of said workspace comprises at least one selectable user module, wherein said user module is a pre-configured electronic design to be implemented on said microcontroller;
receiving an input indicating a selection of a user module; and
responsive to said selection, automatically rendering a datasheet in a second window of said workspace, wherein said datasheet provides technical details corresponding to said user module selected.

Independent Claims 8, 15 and 22 recite similar limitations. Claims 2-7 that depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 9-14 that depend from independent Claim 8, Claims 16-21

that depend from independent Claim 15, and Claims 23-26 that depend from independent Claim 22 also include these limitations.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are a number of patent distinctions between Claims 1-30 of the instant application and Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132. For instance, the instant application recites the limitation “scanning said document corresponding to said selected user module for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document”. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132 do not include this limitation. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132 do not include any limitation having the same or similar context as this limitation. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-30 of the instant application are patentably distinct from Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,132, and that Claims 1-30 of the instant application overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,282,551 by Anderson et al., hereinafter referred to as the “Anderson” reference, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,950,990 by Rajarajan et al., hereinafter referred to as the “Rajarajan” reference. Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully submit that the embodiments of present invention as recited in Claims 1-30 are patentable over Anderson in view of Rajarajan for at least the following rationale.

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is improper as Rajarajan does not qualify as prior art. Under 35 U.S.C. §103, prior art includes references with effective dates before the effective filing date of the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that the Rajarajan reference does not qualify as prior art because the filing date of the present application, November 19, 2001, predates the effective date of the Rajarajan reference. Specifically, the present application has a filing date of November 19, 2001, predating the December 11, 2001, filing date of the Rajarajan reference.

Applicants respectfully note that the Rajarajan reference claims priority to nine different Provisional Patent Applications (60/255,044, 60/255,051, 60/255,238, 60/255,041, 60/255,153, 60/255,043, 60/255,050, 60/255,042, and 60/255,052) all filed on December 11, 2000. However, there is no evidence that the subject matter upon which the Examiner has based the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is included in the Provisional Patent Applications. The Applicants' representative has obtained all nine Provisional Patent Applications using the Public PAIR system and has reviewed all nine Provisional Patent Applications. Applicants respectfully submit that upon review of the nine Provisional Patent Applications, the subject matter upon which the Examiner has based the present rejection is not included in any of the Provisional Patent Applications.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed embodiments are not unpatentable over Anderson alone. Specifically, Anderson alone does not teach, describe or suggest the claimed embodiments as recited in Claims 1, 11 and 21. For instance, the Examiner specifically recites that "Anderson, however, does not

specifically teach wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document" (Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, page 7, lines 4-5).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Anderson does not teach, describe or suggest the claimed embodiments as recited in Claims 1, 11 and 21, and that these claims are allowable over Anderson.

As described above, Applicants respectfully assert that the Rajarajan reference does not qualify as prior art because the effective filing date of the present application predates the effective date of the Rajarajan reference. Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed embodiments are patentable over the Anderson. Specifically, Anderson does not teach, describe or suggest the claimed embodiments as recited in Claims 1, 11 and 21, and that these claims are allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-10, 12-20 and 22-30 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-30 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

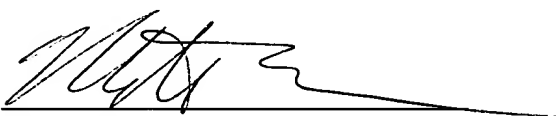
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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